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1 – EPA: Cut your carbon footprint with a corn dog, Fuel Fix, 9/25/2014

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/09/25/epa-cut-your-carbon-footprint-with-a-corn-dog/>

Headed to the State Fair of Texas this weekend? Order up a chicken fried loaded baked potato to lower your carbon footprint, the federal government says. On the eve of the opening of the state's annual weeks-long celebration of fried food, football and one very tall cowboy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is urging fairgoers to cut carbon emissions in part by spending more time at the corn dog stand.

2 – Watchdog faults EPA on failed asbestos tests, The Hill Fox 4 DFW, 9/25/14

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218964-watchdog-faults-epa-on-failed-asbestos-tests> The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) internal watchdog criticized it for mismanaging tests on methods for demolishing buildings with asbestos. The EPA conducted research between 1999 and 2011 on alternatives to the federally regulated process for demolishing the buildings and allowed some tests in Fort Worth, Texas, from 2006 to 2007.

3 - Small Oklahoma Town Hunts For More Water As Cleveland Lake Silts In, State Impact, 9/25/2014

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/09/25/small-oklahoma-town-hunts-for-more-water-as-cleveland-lake-silts-in/>

Cleveland, Oklahoma — population 3,200 — relies on a small reservoir southwest of the city for its water, despite being located on the banks of the Arkansas River. And a water crisis is brewing there. But the problem can't be blamed on crumbling pipelines, an obsolete treatment plant, or drought — though more rain is needed. The problem is silt. The Cleveland Reservoir is nearly 80 years old.

4 – Contingency planning on the Colorado River, Albq Journal, 9/25/2014

<http://www.abqjournal.com/468179/blogs/nm-science/contingency-planning-on-the-colorado-river.html>

New Mexico Interstate Stream Colorado River Bureau Chief Kevin Flanagan gave an interesting presentation Monday on planning efforts underway in the Upper Colorado River Basin to try to prepare for worst case drought scenarios on the big river.

5 – Fewer Atlantic Hurricanes Bode Well For An El Niño Winter, State Impact 9/25/2014

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2014/09/25/fewer-atlantic-hurricanes-bode-well-for-an-el-nino-winter/>

There's a good chance of an El Niño weather pattern forming by the end of the year. That could be good for easing or even ending the Texas drought. But it's not a sure thing.

6 – Cedar Bayou excavators broke through to the Gulf, Victoria Advocate, 9/25/14

<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2014/sep/25/cedar-bayou-excavators-broke-through-to-the-gulf/>

The cattle that roamed between San Jose and Matagorda islands can do so no longer. On Thursday the two islands were divided for the first time in 35 years - a move fishermen in the area say will revitalize the bay.

7 – State tests: No lead in San Marcos water, Statesman, 9/25/14

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/state-tests-no-lead-in-san-marcos-water/nhWCr/>

Tests performed last week by a state agency showed no detectable levels of lead in the San Marcos water-distribution system, the city announced Thursday. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Sept. 19 tested sites near the Hays County Government Center, where employees have been drinking from water tanks and using hand sanitizer since lead contamination was discovered in July.

8 – Agency's asbestos experiments threatened human health -- IG, EE News, 9/25/14

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2014/09/25/stories/1060006448>

U.S. EPA spent more than a decade conducting asbestos removal experiments that threatened public health, the agency's independent watchdog says in a new report. The agency experimented with alternative methods of removing asbestos -- a dangerous pollutant -- for more than a decade without adequate oversight or clear goals, resulting in wasted cash and posing risks to workers and the public, according to the report from EPA's Office of Inspector General.

9 – EPA targets dental fillings, The Hill, 9/25/2014

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218917-epa-targets-dental-fillings>

The Environmental Protection Agency wants to reduce the amount of mercury from dentistry that gets into waterways. The agency said Thursday that dental offices are responsible for about half of the mercury that gets into public water treatment facilities.